



**Bond Election Advisory Task Force
Parks and Open Space Committee
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wed., April 4, 2012**

The Parks and Open Space Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at Town Lake Center, Room 130, 721 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Boyt called the Board Meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Linda Guerrero, Jeb Boyt, Rodney Ahart, Don Baylor, Jr., Griffin Davis, Leslie Pool, Alfonso Hernandez

Staff in Attendance:

Shelley Kilday, Marty Stump, Mike Trimble, Terry Jungman, George Adams, Jim Robertson, Joe Pantalione

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved on a motion by Leslie Pool and a 7-0 vote.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Angelica Noyola spoke in support of the Montopolis Recreation Center
- Steven Aleman from the Austin Neighborhoods Council spoke in support of the Montopolis Recreation Center
- Cheyenne Johnson from the Hill Country Conservancy spoke in support of Open Space
- Fred McGhee spoke in support of the Montopolis Recreation Center
- Susana Almanza from the Montopolis Neighborhood Association spoke in support of the Montopolis Recreation Center project
- Nancy McClintock spoke in support of Open Space
- Ralph Webster from the Austin Parks Foundation spoke in support of funding for parks, specifically: downtown squares, metropolitan parks, and greenbelts and preserves
- Jeff Francell from the Nature Conservancy and the Parks Board spoke in favor of Open Space and parks projects
- Pamela Power from the Downtown Austin Alliance spoke in support of downtown squares, Palm Park, Waterloo Park, and the Waller Creek District projects
- Susan Rankin from The Trail Foundation spoke in support of trail enhancements and the Holly-related improvements
- Ted Siff spoke in support of parkland acquisition, distributed his own prioritized list, and gave tactical advice to committee members
- George Cofer from the Hill Country Conservancy spoke in support of Open Space and urged committee members not to limit their recommendation

3. NEW BUSINESS – BRIEFINGS

A. Briefings on Community-Nominated Projects

- i. Torvald Hessel, Executive Director of the Austin Planetarium, gave a presentation on the Austin Planetarium project

ii. Lynn Osgood from the Parks Board Bonds Working Group gave a presentation of preliminary recommendations from that group.

iii. George Adams, Assistant Director of the Planning, Development, and Review Department gave a presentation on Waller Creek District projects.

4. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendations on projects and programs for future bond funding or developing a bond package - The Committee further refined its proposed funding for each project in their portfolio. The Committee agreed to work on further refinement at future meetings.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee has been asked to hear presentations from the Mexic-Arte Museum, the Austin Rodeo, and the Montopolis Recreation Center.

6. ADJOURN

Rodney Ahart adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m. without objection.